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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 15301

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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR QA ANNIVERSARY

GREETINGS

REFS; (A) STATE 216633; (B) BONN 14503

BEGIN SUMMARY. ALLIED REPS HAVE INFORMED THE FRG AND EACH OTHER IN THE BONN GROUP OF REPORTS FROM CAPITALS ON HOW SOVIET OFFICIALS WERE INFORMED OF THE ALLIED DECISION NOT TO ENTER INTO AN EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES ON THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. PARIS. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) REPORTED, AT THE SEPTEMBER 10 BONN GROUP MEETING, THAT ANDREANI HAD CALLED IN THE SOVIET MINISTER-COUNSELOR ON SEPTEMBER 1. ANDREANI STATED THAT THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR AN EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES COULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT NOW, GIVEN WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN AUGUST. IT WAS THEREFORE IMPOSSIBLE  
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FOR THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO ACCEDE TO MOSCOW'S

SUGGESTION. ANDREANI ADDED THAT THE QUESTION COULD BE RAISED AGAIN IN THE SPRING IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE FINAL QUADRIpartite PROTOCOL.

2. WASHINGTON. US REP REPORTED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN'S AUGUST 31 CONVERSATION WITH VORONTSOV (REF A).

3. LONDON. HITCH REPORTED THAT HIBBERT HAD SEEN THE SOVIET CHARGE ON SEPTEMBER 1 AND HAD USED THE THREE POINTS SUGGESTED BY US AND UK REPS IN REF B (NOT A COMMON PRACTICE TO COMMEMORATE SUCH ANNIVERSARIES; AROUSAL OF PUBLIC OPINION BY EVENTS OF RECENT WEEKS; BUT AGREEMENT ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE QA). SEMENOV APPARENTLY DID NOT TAKE THE NEWS WITH GOOD GRACE. HE SPOKE RATHER HEATEDLY ABOUT REVANCHIST ELEMENTS IN THE FRG AND ABOUT HMG'S FAILURE TO TAKE UP A SOVIET PROPOSAL THAT WOULD HAVE DEALT A BLOW AT THEM. HIBBERT RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT ACCEPT THAT THERE WERE REVANCHIST ELEMENTS IN THE FRG AND ADDED THAT THE UK SIMPLY FELT THERE WAS A DANGER THAT BERLIN ISSUES WOULD BE DRAWN TOO MUCH INTO THE FRG ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN.

4. CONTINUING HIS REPORT, HITCH SAID THAT HIBBERT HAD NOT OFFERED A HINT ABOUT READINESS TO RECONSIDER THE SOVIET PROPOSAL NEXT JUNE. WHEN SEMENOV SAW HIBBERT SOME DAYS LATER AT A SOCIAL EVENT, HE COMPLAINED THAT THE BRITISH HAD TAKEN THE HARDEST LINE OF THE THREE ALLIES BECAUSE THEY HAD NOT OFFERED SOVIETS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER THE MATTER NEXT YEAR. HIBBERT RESPONDED THAT, IF SEMENOV TOOK CAREFUL NOTES OF THE EARLIER CONVERSATION, HE WOULD SEE THAT NOTHING HIBBERT SAID HAD EXCLUDED THAT POSSIBILITY. HILLENBRAND

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